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But—Says Boake Carter

Army Morale
Pay Problem
And Pensions

NEW YORK—Perhaps more money will pep up the morale of our armed forces—or perhaps I should say army—because no one has brought forth any evidence that the navy or the marines are suffering from this thing that is the talk of every town to which I go.

Certainly it is an impossible job to live on \$21 a month. But apart from that, I don't think the sight of soldiers on the production line (factory workers) dumping their tools and marching daily round and round the plant every time somebody gives an order from headquarters for more dough, is an encouraging sight to a \$21-a-month soldier.

It would seem to me that \$42 a month is the very minimum which a selectee should receive.

But that the Congress should seriously consider this question of higher pay for the American army and navy and marine corps, is very evident for official figures from the War Department on the causes of death in the army.

From official lists of deaths of enlisted men released by the department, between August 1 and September 3, the following causes and their totals are listed:

Diseases and general medical, 28.

Accident, various, 22.

Auto accidents, 40.

Drowning, 15.

Airplane accident, 4.

Unstated causes of death, 8.

Suicide, 10.

Motorcycles, 5.

Murder, 1.

Adding the above with the last preceding official tabulation, out of a total of 555 deaths, the following seems to be about as accurate as can be figured:

Deaths due to ordinary diseases, tuberculosis, operations and general medical, 180.

(In the latter figure are a large number of deaths for which the cause is not given; in other words, the causes of death may be other than specified in the generalizations above and may be due to any one of the following reasons):

In addition to the above deaths, correct tabulation seems to be as follows:

Accident, various, 22.

Auto and truck, 154.

Drowning, 83.

Gunshot (some may have been self-inflicted), 24.

Airplane accident, 27.

Suicide, 22.

Motorcycles, 12.

Murder, killed by police, train accident, lightning, insanity, run-over, 12.

So we have the pathetic situation that within a space of about six weeks, 32 young Americans in the army committed suicide. It is not impossible that some of the other unstated deaths were also suicide as to cause.

Loss is not to be reckoned here simply in matter of lives.

Even though life is the most valuable thing God gave to human beings (although one wouldn't think so, scanning the world today), there are other losses involved, as well.

Broken and smashed equipment is involved in many of these deaths. There is the loss in the wrecked lives of those injured in the above listed accidents, the numbers of which are not given.

There is the cost of pensions that will be paid to them by the Treasury for the remainder of their lives (those who have been maimed), and the additional pensions which will be paid to the dependents of those killed.

And the United States Army has not yet gone into action. It is still in the category of a peacetime army.

Something is wrong with morale somewhere, in the face of these death tabulations from the War Department, and for the sake of national defense of this vast Nation, the Congress, it seems, ought to address itself to finding out what's wrong with deadly seriousness.

And it can start, for good measure, with the extraordinary disproportion between the pay schedules for retired officers and retired enlisted men. It is possible for an officer to retire today after a total of 31 days' service and draw down up to as much as \$500 a month on the retired list for the rest of his life, which is just 500 per cent more than an enlisted man would get after retiring from 30 years of service and maybe a couple of wars thrown in.

Under existing law, the reserve officers (soon to total 75,000 to 100,000), are required to serve only 31 days before being eligible for retired pay.

Things like that don't help morale in this army of ours. For these something wrong where in six weeks time 32 lads in the army bump themselves off for no apparent reason.

Lester Syndicate

Japan today and together with Soetsu Yanagi, who once came to Hawaii, he is leader of folk arts movement. He is a great contributor along this line and a skillful worker.

According to Mrs. Das, out of an annual production of approximately 1,000, Kawai rejects about one-third as unsuitable and offers the rest, which he recognizes as coming within the scope of his conscience, at exhibitions at four different places in Japan. It is said that the offerings are practically completely sold within the first day or two of the exhibition. Kawai's name as a potter is widely known at home and abroad.

What brings to mind in connection with Kawai's creation is that in designs, shape and coloring they are very simple yet grand, splendidly displaying the restrained art of Oriental taste. Everyone is bound to feel this.

\$221,668 Gain In City-County Tax Revenues

An increase of \$221,668.97 in city-county revenue from license tax collections over a nine-month period ending September 30, was noted, according to David L. Conklin, city-county treasurer.

Conklin announced that \$1,176,717.02 was collected.

Motor vehicle taxes and fees, totaling \$1,083,203.23, an increase of \$208,148.85, represented the largest source of income. From the \$1 fee collected for transfer of titles, \$12,394 has been realized since May 20, 1941.

In this nine-month period, 58,243 vehicles were registered, 16,233 more than were registered last year in the same period.

Other revenues were: Business licenses, \$58,861.85; trailer licenses, \$19,785.01; dog licenses, \$2,164.50; bicycle licenses, \$1,181.50; motor vehicle dealers' and salesmen's licenses, \$3,160.75; hunting and fishing licenses, \$932.50.

John E. Young, customs guard charged by the territorial grand jury in connection with the fatal shooting of Lt. Martin R. Connelly, USA, on Pier 8 on September 22, was given until 2 p.m. Tuesday to enter his plea in the arraignment before Judge John Matthewsman yesterday.

Public Prosecutor Charles E. Cassidy objected to defense counsel Joseph V. Esposito's request for a week in which to make the plea.

Esposito claimed that two army lieutenants and a nurse being held here to be on their way to the mainland as soon as possible.

Esposito hinted that he may transfer the case to the U. S. district court of Hawaii since his client was a "federal official on federal work" at the time the army lieutenant met his death.

Traffic Body Opposes Road Death Marks

Disagreeing with the action of the supervisors who have given their approval, the traffic safety commission yesterday refused to endorse the plan of the Chamber of Commerce to cross-mark the highways where traffic deaths have occurred.

Merritt A. Trease, commission member, pointed out that "It's a questionable method of trying to impress the public, waste of white paint and it takes a driver's attention away from the wheel."

Capt. George M. Farr, head of the Honolulu police department traffic division, was named by the commission to make recommendations and report on the one-way street plan for Honolulu's central business district drafted by George Houghtaling, city planning commission's engineer.

Water Shortage in Nanakuli Is Acute

Drilling of the first test well in Waiwae valley to determine where the main shaft tunnel should be located to best remedy an acute shortage of water in the Waiwae district will begin Monday, according to City County Chief Engineer Joseph Kunesh.

It was reported that this shortage of water particularly affected Nanakuli homesteaders, and that the pressure was even insufficient for sanitary flushing.

The best A. R. Tyler, superintendent of rural works, could do to stretch the supply was to regulate valves and instruct residents about the importance of conservation.

The public works department is considering the possibility of using ocean water for flushing purposes.

Ship-to-Shore Phone Service on Lurline

Islanders may now contact friends coming in on the Lurline through a radio telephone service, according to an announcement made last night by Castle & Cooke, Matson Line agents.

Mutual Telephone Co. will handle reception and transmission to the islands under a federal communication commission ship station license. AT&T will do the same on the mainland.

A similar service will be installed on Matsonia, it was announced, and there's sufficient demand the Monterey and Mariposa would carry similar communications.

Mrs. Shimamura to Resume Her Classes

Mrs. Joan Shimamura, home economist of the Honolulu Gas Company, will resume her fall cooking classes starting next Tuesday, October 7, and on each alternate Tuesday, with cooking demonstrations in both Japanese and English.

The classes, to be held at the Honolulu Gas Company kitchen just back of Kodak Park, will feature preparation of island-grown products.

Church News

NUUANU

John O. Young, secretary of the Nuuanu YMCA, who returned here recently after a six months' mainland visit, will be the guest preacher at the morning worship service of the Nuuanu Japanese church tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. He will speak on "Life's Choices."

At 8 p.m. the Rev. Masachi Goto, pastor, will preach on "The Seventh Commandment."

The church school will convene at 9:15 a.m. The church school teachers' luncheon will be held at the Nuuanu YMCA after the morning service. The young people's groups will meet at 6:45 p.m.

SOUTH KING METHODIST

The Rev. M. Kilo Himeho, pastor, will preach in English on "Let Horizons" tomorrow at 10:15 a.m. and in Japanese on "Christianity and Freedom" at 11:30 a.m. at the South King Japanese Methodist church.

At 7:30 p.m. Dr. Robert S. Spencer will preach in Japanese. He will speak on the first and third Sunday each month.

Judd Mentioned for Equal Rights Post

The house finance committee yesterday recommended passage of Rep. Heiden Porteus' bill increasing the salary of the executive secretary of the Hawaii Equal Rights Commission from \$300 to \$500. The bill also provides that the appointment of the secretary would not be governed by civil service regulations.

The bill which also provides \$50,000 for the operation of the commission will be considered at today's meeting.

Lawrence M. Judd, former governor of Hawaii, is the most prominently mentioned for this position that has been vacant for several months since John Snell resigned to become deputy administrator of the sale of defense bonds in Hawaii.

Anniversary Program at Art Academy Listed

The tenth anniversary of the educational department of the Honolulu Academy of Arts will be celebrated with special programs and activities during the week of October 7 to 12.

Children, parents, teachers and all interested friends are especially invited to come to the Academy during Anniversary Week. Visits may be made to classes in which lectures on primitive, western or Oriental art are being given by Academy instructors, or to Mrs. Watson's studio where her classes are at work with paints and clay.

An open house for children will be held Tuesday, October 7, at 3 p.m. when a special performance of "Awapuhi" will be given by the Kapaemahu Puppets, and refreshments will be served.

Special demonstrations by craft workers, who have offered their services to the Academy, will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, October 8 and 11. Weaving, pottery making, wood-carving, leather and metal work, lauhala weaving and spinning will be among the attractions.

A reception for parents and friends will be given on Thursday evening, October 9, from 8 to 10 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon, October 12, at 4:30 a special concert for children, contributed by several well-known local musicians, will be given in the children's court.

Society

Mary Otsuki to Wed James Komuro

Miss Mary Otsuki, who has been director of religious education at the Harris Memorial church for the past year and a half, will be married to James Tatsuo Komuro, son of the Rev. Tokujiro Komuro, former pastor of the Harris Memorial church, tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at the church.

Graduating from the Ohio State university in June with the degree of B. S. in education, majoring in fine arts, Komuro returned here early in August with his mother, Mrs. Kane Komuro.

He has received an appointment with the department of public instruction on Maui, and is leaving for his new position with his bride tomorrow night.

Armistice Ball by King Surfs Nov. 10

The first annual "Armistice Ball" which will be sponsored by the King Surfs on Monday, November 10, at the Rendezvous promises to be a gala affair, according to general chairman H. Tokoyama. Music for the dance will be furnished by the Menehunes orchestra.

Hostesses selected for the dance are the Misses Martha Yamane, Patsy Tanaka, Pearl Pang, Helen Lul, Leatrice Hada, Elythe Nakagami, Hazel Fukuda, Helen Tanimura, Jean Patsy Tanaka, Muraoka, Rose Yuen and Janet Yoshioka.

Fire Prevention Week Underway Here Tomorrow

Boy Scouts and Junior Firefighters were distributing posters today announcing the observance of Fire Prevention Week from October 5 to 11.

A KGBM broadcast featuring the work of Junior Firefighters, announcement of the week's program and winners of awards in the school poster contest will highlight the opening day, tomorrow, it was revealed by Robert Rice, chairman of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce subcommittee in charge of the observance.

On Monday fire drills will be held in all Oahu schools. Last year Lale school won the fire drill award.

Throughout the week there will be fire department demonstrations, window displays, special announcements on the screen, articles and speeches by civil and military officials.

Over 6,000 Pineapple, Sugar Workers Needed

Lured away by more lucrative positions on defense projects, former employees of the pineapple and sugar industries have left a big gap at the territorial labor board has little hope of filling.

It was estimated that there was a need for more than 6,000 workers in the pineapple and sugar industries. A territorial labor board administrator estimated that at the most they would be able to fill about 2 per cent of the order.

A plantation representative said, "We asked the employment office's aid in this matter, and hope at least to fill in some of the gaps. Whether, when, we will go before the governor to request a permit to bring more laborers here has not yet been decided upon."

World Day for Animals Today

All lovers of animals were observing today the death of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, over 700 years ago.

This day has been earmarked by the World League against Vivisection and for Protection of Animals as a "World day for animals." All are urged to "Think, speak and act" for our suffering "little brothers and sisters."

This is the second year this day is being observed in Hawaii.

Industrial Show To Be Concluded Tomorrow Night

Today and tomorrow will be the concluding days of the 1941 Hawaiian Industrial Exposition, which the sponsors declared today to be "the most successful" of the annual shows, both financially and from the standpoint of attendance.

With Lena Machado featured in the twice-nightly stage presentations together with George Kainapau, about 8,000 persons took in the Exposition last night, it was said.

The two singers as well as the other entertainers will perform again at 7:30 and 9 tonight and tomorrow evening. The Exposition will be open from 1 to 11 p.m. today and tomorrow.

The Affiliated Lion Hunt, a new game concession, featuring cock-roach racing, is providing novel entertainment.

The Exposition is located at Kalakaua avenue and Kapiolani Blvd., and there is ample parking space on Atkinson street.

To Hold Movie Show

The Waiwahu Auto Stand will present a Japanese movie program Wednesday night at 8:30 at the Japanese Social club's outdoor theater. The public is being invited to the affair.

SATURDAY NOTES by Yasutaro Soga

People Frightened by Illusion

The so-called Dies committee investigating un-American activities was expected to have announced shortly regarding Japanese spies on the Pacific coast which it has been probing, and public hearings were to have been held in Congress. But President Roosevelt recognized that the announcement would be injurious to the Japanese-American negotiations now under way, invited Chairman Dies and requested that he postpone the announcement. The chairman appreciated the President's intention and postponed publication of the Japanese spy situation, announcement to this effect having been made on September 21.

As to what facts the Dies committee has obtained in connection with the so-called Japanese spy question, we do not know and consequently we are not in a position to discuss it. But in a portion of the contents published in Mainland newspapers as an interview with Chairman Dies, there are matters that are insolent to an astonishing extent.

That is, there was an item that officials of the Japanese government, at the Japanese consulate-general in Hawaii, in the event of war between Japan and the United States, plan to scatter yellow fever bacteria throughout the Islands and on the American patrol forces. This is the same kind of stuff as the testimony before the hearing at Iolani Palace of the Congressional committee which came here in October, 1937, to study the statehood problem, by Kikuo Haan, a Korean-born who was a resident of Hawaii at the time, who said the Japanese consulate-general in Honolulu called various peoples of the Orient and conferred on expelling the Caucasians, which was absolutely groundless. It is an unspeakably foolish fantasy.

If by any chance Chairman Dies really believes such fantasy, we should like by all means to know what sort of facts lie back